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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER RE NATO SUMMIT

1. FOR OTTAWA, PARIS, LONDON, AND BONN. YOU SHOULD  
DELIVER TEXT OF ENCLOSURE TO FOLLOWING LETTER FROM  
PRESIDENT CARTER TO FRANCOIS PONCET, RUHFUS, JOHN  
HUNT, AND MICHAEL PITTFIELD, INDICATING THAT THIS  
IS A REVISION OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT BASED ON COMMENTS  
THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM THEM  
OF GIST OF LETTER REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR THE STATEMENT.

2. ALL OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PASS  
TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER WITH ENCLOSURE FROM PRESIDENT  
CARTER TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (CHIEF OF STATE IN CASE  
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OF LISBON) OF YOUR RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS.

3. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR -----

I KNOW YOU SHARE MY DESIRE THAT THE FORTHCOMING  
NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON DO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BOTH  
TO PROMOTE NATO DEFENSE PROGRAMS AND TO IMPROVE PUBLIC

UNDERSTANDING OF THE ALLIANCE'S COHESION, CONFIDENCE, AND POLITICAL PURPOSE. TO THIS END, I PROPOSE THAT THE HEADS OF DELEGATION AT THE SUMMIT ISSUE ON MAY 30 A CONCISE DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, WORKED OUT AMONG US IN ADVANCE, IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS DECLARATION COULD BE VALUABLE IN OUTLINING THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN THE FUTURE. IT COULD ALSO PROPOSE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG OUR GOVERNMENTS, DURING THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO NATO'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING NEXT YEAR, ON ALLIED PURPOSES AND GOALS FOR THE 1980S.

I HAVE HAD A PRELIMINARY DRAFT PREPARED TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT I HAVE IN MIND, AND IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE SUMMIT, AM INSTRUCTING MY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO PURSUE THIS SUBJECT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. IF YOU AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH, I HOPE YOU WILL INSTRUCT YOUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ACCORDINGLY AND GIVE YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT TO THIS EFFORT. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF WE WERE TO SEND CLOSE ADVISORS TO BRUSSELS TO ASSIST IN THIS ENDEAVOR. I AM ALSO WRITING ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL TO OUR NATO COLLEAGUES.

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IN ADDITION, I RECALL THAT HELMUT SCHMIDT AND PIERRE TRUDEAU SUGGESTED THAT WE FIND SOME TIME DURING THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AMONG ALLIED LEADERS, WITHOUT THE USUAL SET AGENDA. I WOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO HOST A LUNCHEON AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON MAY 30 FOR THE ALLIED LEADERS WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE SUMMIT. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU CAN ATTEND.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON AND TO WORKING WITH YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

END TEXT

4. BEGIN TEXT OF ENCLOSURE.

DRAFT STATEMENT BY HEADS OF DELEGATION

FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES, THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS BEEN THE BULWARK OF WESTERN DEFENSE, AND THE FRAMEWORK FOR UNPARALLELED ADVANCEMENT IN THE WELL-BEING OF OUR PEOPLES.

AS WE APPROACH THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE IN APRIL 1979, EACH OF OUR NATIONS -- AND THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE -- FACE NEW CHALLENGES:

-- THE MILITARY THREAT TO THE ALLIANCE POSED BY THE WARSAW PACT STATES CONTINUES TO GROW, OUT OF PROPORTION TO ANY LEGITIMATE NEEDS FOR SECURITY;

-- THE GROWTH OF SOVIET POWER AND ITS PROJECTION  
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IN PLACES OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE AREA, BOTH DIRECTLY AND THROUGH ALLIES, COMPLICATE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND OUR ABILITY TO SUSTAIN SUPPORT AMONG OUR PEOPLES FOR DETENTE.

-- A NEW GENERATION OF MODERN WEAPONRY PLACES NEW DEMANDS ON DEFENSE PLANNING, AND WILL REQUIRE IMPROVED METHODS OF ALLIANCE COOPERATION IN MAKING THE BEST USE OF DEFENSE RESOURCES;

-- THE NEED FOR STABILITY AND A GENUINE PEACE IN EUROPE LEADS US TO PURSUE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS WHICH ENHANCE ALLIANCE SECURITY AND REDUCE TENSIONS AND ARE BASED ON A BALANCE OF MILITARY CAPABILITIES.

-- ECONOMIC CHANGE, BOTH WITHIN OUR COUNTRIES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HAS INCREASED BOTH OUR INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE COMPLEXITY OF PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLES;

-- SOCIAL CHANGE IN OUR COUNTRIES, BROUGHT ABOUT IN PART BY OUR SUCCESS IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, WILL REQUIRE CREATIVE THOUGHT AND EFFORT BY EACH OF OUR NATIONS; AND

-- DETENTE CREATES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS IN THE SEARCH FOR GENUINE PEACE, RECOGNIZING THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF PERSONAL LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY, ON WHICH OUR SOCIETIES ARE FOUNDED, CAN COMPETE PEACEFULLY WITH OTHER IDEOLOGIES.

AS WE FACE THESE CHALLENGES TOGETHER, WE REAFFIRM THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AS  
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THE GUARDIAN OF OUR SECURITY, AND AS A PRINCIPAL  
BASIS FOR OUR COOPERATION IN MEETING THE DEMANDS OF  
THE FUTURE.

THE WORK OF THIS SUMMIT CLEARLY AND FIRMLY RELATES  
TO THE NEW CHALLENGES FACING THE ALLIANCE, NOW AND IN  
THE FUTURE. TO BUILD UPON THE WORK DONE HERE AND TO  
HELP US CHART THE COURSE OF THE ALLIANCE FOR THE  
1980S, DURING THE COMING MONTHS WE WILL CONSULT WITH  
ONE ANOTHER ABOUT OUR COMMON GOALS AND PURPOSES FOR  
THE YEARS AHEAD, LOOKING TOWARD THE ALLIANCE'S THIR-  
TIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING NEXT YEAR. END TEXT.

5. FOR USNATO. YOU MAY PASS A COPY OF ENCLOSURE TO  
SYG LUNS. VANCE

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